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1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Former Ambassador William D. Pawley's conversations about Cuba with various "CIA" officials, including [REDACTED] during the weeks before Castro's overthrow of Batista, are mentioned in published testimony of Mr. Pawley, taken last September 1960 by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and released a few days ago by that Subcommittee. Hearings attached herewith: "HEARINGS Before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate, Eighty-Sixth Congress, Second Session, Part 10, Testimony of William D. Pawley, September 2 and 8, 1960."
3. Mr. Pawley states (pp. 738-40) that he attended several meetings with CIA, and other U. S. officials, both at his home in Miami and in the Washington area, conveyed warnings to them about Castro "six weeks before Batista's fall," and suggested a "caretaker government" as an alternative to Castro. Among others present were William Wieland (the subject of Pawley's testimony), Henry Holland (a "former" Assistant Secretary of State), Deputy Assistant Secretary William P. Snow, and various unnamed "Latin American Ambassadors" (presumably U. S. Ambassadors to Latin American countries).
4. Mr. Pawley mentions his misgivings about Wieland (whom he also had known of as Montenegro), including his association with Herbert Matthews of the NEW YORK TIMES, and he conveyed them to the President and the Vice President, he said (p. 737). He also regarded Wieland as

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the man responsible for the policy of the break with Trujillo (p. 745).  
He did not, however, regard Wieland as a Communist (p. 746).

5. Mr. Pawley also said it was "a fact" that before Batista's  
downfall, more than 10,000 special men were armed for Castro in the  
Miami area, protected by "250 special agents" sent down by the Justice  
Department (p. 745); whether they were "FBI" agents, Mr. Pawley  
"wouldn't know". These men are "still there," specifically to prevent  
anyone getting any arms "to anyone that opposes Castro."

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